

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing**

Where can I get tested? Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing is available at the Health Department's Belvidere Medical Building in Waukegan located at 2400 Belvidere Road. The entrance to the clinic is on Dodge Avenue, just off of Keller Avenue. STI testing services are available to anyone over 12 years of age regardless of county of residence. STI testing is done by appointment. To make an appointment, call 847.377.8450.

What tests are done/What can I expect? All patients are offered screenings for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV. Clients who are experiencing symptoms of a sexually transmitted disease will be scheduled to see a provider during Full STD Clinic. A provider can also diagnose Genital Herpes and Genital Warts during this exam. Appointments for Full STD Clinic, which is for those with STI symptoms, will be scheduled on Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon. You should check in at the front reception desk for your appointment.

If you are not experiencing any symptoms of a sexually transmitted disease you will be able to be seen for an Express Clinic appointment. This appointment will include meeting with a counselor and going to the lab to submit a blood and urine specimen for testing. Appointments for Express Clinic, which is for those without any STI symptoms, can be made Monday through Friday during business hours. You should come directly to room 1132 to check in for your appointment.

How much does STI testing cost? For our Full STD Clinic held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, cost is based on a sliding scale fee. Full payment is not due at the time of service but you will be asked to pay a co-pay for your visit with the provider. We also ask that you bring your last two current pay stubs and proof of insurance to see if you are eligible for any discounts.

For our Express Clinic for people without any STI symptoms on Monday through Friday, there is a \$30 fee for the tests that are done. We do ask that payment be made at the time of service. We accept cash and credit. A current Illinois Medical Card will also be accepted as payment for this service.

What should I bring with me? You should always bring with you a photo ID, such as a driver's license or a state/school ID. For those patients at Full STD Clinic you also need to bring your last two current pay stubs and any proof of insurance such as a medical card.

Getting Results: STI testing results generally take 7-10 business days to come back. You may call and receive these results over the phone or come in and receive them in person. If you would like a copy of your results you will have to present a picture ID and sign a consent form in order for that copy to be made.